

REGULAR MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

January 22, 2013

The Jasper County Council met this date at 7:00 P.M. C.S.T. in the Commissioners' Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: Ronald G. Sipkema, H. Dan Stalbaum, Gerrit H. DeVries, Rein O. Bontreger, John T. Price, Stephen R. Jordan and Andrew Andree. Also present was the Auditor of Jasper County, Kimberly K. Grow and Deputy Auditor, Donya G. Jordan. Mr. Sipkema called the meeting to order and those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Stalbaum.

REORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL: Mr. Price made a motion to nominate Mr. Sipkema as President. Mr. Stalbaum seconded. No other nominations for President were made. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bontreger made a motion to nominate Dan Stalbaum as Vice President. Mr. Jordan seconded. Mr. Price made a motion to nominate Gerrit DeVries as Vice President. A vote was taken with Mr. Bontreger, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Sipkema, Mr. Stalbaum and Mr. Andree voting in favor of Mr. Stalbaum as Vice President. Mr. Price and Mr. DeVries voted in favor of Mr. DeVries. With a vote of 5-2, the motion carried for Mr. Stalbaum as Vice President.

MINUTES: Mr. DeVries made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 18, 2012 as submitted. Mr. Stalbaum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION /ELECTED OFFICIAL TRAINING FUND: This fund was established by IC 36-2-7-19. Auditor Grow informed the council this money needs to be appropriated and shall be used solely to provide training of county elected officials. The total amount of this additional was \$4,500.00 (divided equally among the recorder, auditor, treasurer, clerk and surveyor for continuing education). Mr. Price made a motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-01A** as advertised. Mr. Stalbaum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION / CREDIT FUND/ COMMISSIONERS' BUDGET: Auditor Grow stated the line for the Crisis Center of \$20,000.00 which is the county's annual contribution to this entity was omitted in error when doing the 2013 County Budget. Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-01B** as advertised. Mr. Price seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION /CREDIT FUND/TECHNOLOGY BUDGET: This was another item overlooked when doing the 2013 Budget. Mr. Price made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$20,000.00 for copier and printer supplies. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-01C** as advertised. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION /CAGIT-SPECIAL LEGISLATION FUND: The sheriff requested \$75,000.00 in an additional for utilities for the jail. Mr. Price made a motion to approve this request within **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-01D**. Mr. Stalbaum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/EMPLOYEE BENEFIT: State Board of Accounts has requested that the employee health insurance monies also be appropriated in the payroll clearing account in the amount of \$3,500,000.00. Mr. Price made a motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-01E** as advertised. Mr. Jordan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION /COUNTY GENERAL/SOIL AND WATER: Auditor Grow explained to the council that the Soil and Water Board provides the amount plus any withholdings above what the county pays for an employee's salary in this department. As the appropriating body, the council needs to approve the request in the amount of \$1,216.00. Mr. Bontreger made a motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-01F** as advertised. Mr. Price seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/COUNTY GENERAL/RECORDER'S BUDGET: Phyllis L. Lanoue, the previous Jasper County Recorder requested in a letter an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,872.00. This money is to pay out the vacation days for Beth Warren, the new Recorder. Mr. Bontreger made a motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-01G** as advertised. Mr. DeVries seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/JASPER COUNTY DRUG FREE COMMUNITY FUND: The Partners for Drug Free Community requested a budget for 2013 in the amount of \$26,912.00 (Supplies-\$1,253.00, Other Services and Charges-Treatment Services-\$8228.00, Prevention and Education-\$8,228.00, Criminal Justice Service-\$8,228.00 and Capacity Building-\$975.00). Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-01H** as advertised. Mr. Price seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/MVH FUND/ADMINISTRATION BUDGET: Auditor Grow explained the county received \$5,000.00 in extra money from Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District for recycling. This money will be used to help pay for a truck which will be used to pull the recycling trailers. Mr. Bontreger made the motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-01I**. Mr. Price seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER/COUNTY GENERAL/PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: Mary Scheurich, Director of Planning and Development submitted a letter requesting a transfer from one line in the department's budget to another line. There was an error made when creating the new numbers set up by State Board of Accounts. In order to pay the secretary's salary this needed to be corrected. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the transfer in the amount of \$33,178.00. Mr. Stalbaum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE: Mr. Price made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 1-22-2013A** making the following amendments to the salary ordinance. Mr. DeVries seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Overtime Hourly Rates as needed:

Sheriff

Longevity: Rate of Pay for Years of Service

Terry Risner due \$500 for 28 Years of Service (Longevity rate .24)
Cindy Shepherd due \$500 for 29 Years of Service (Longevity rate .24)
Russell Sullivan due \$500 for 25 Years of Service (Longevity rate .24)
Samantha J O'Conner due \$100 for 8 Years of Service (Longevity rate .05)
Mandi R Vanderwall due \$200 for 11 Years of Service (Longevity rate .10)
Suzanne R Nerkins due \$200 for 11 Years of Service (Longevity rate .10)
Bridget N Shouse due \$200 for 10 Years of Service (Longevity rate .10)
Michael Sayers due \$100 for 5 Years of Service (Longevity rate .05)

Public Safety

David M Schaetzel due \$500 for 29 Years of Service (Longevity rate .24)
Jason E Wallace due \$300 for 17 Years of Service (Longevity rate .14)
Patrick M Williamson due \$400 for 24 Years of Service (Longevity rate .19)
Jack C Bulington due \$400 for 20 Years of Service (Longevity rate .19)
Timothy E Bruce due \$500 for 25 Years of Service (Longevity rate .24)
Robert Parrish Foerg due \$300 for 15 Years of Service (Longevity rate .14)
James A DeVos due \$200 for 11 Years of Service (Longevity rate .09)
Bonita J Veden due \$100 for 7 Years of Service (Longevity rate .05)
Brandon F Napier due \$200 for 13 Years of Service (Longevity rate .09)
Richard S Trail due \$200 for 10 Years of Service (Longevity rate .09)
Russell D Shouse due \$200 for 10 Years of Service (Longevity rate .09)
Dean R Stockman due \$100 for 9 Years of Service (Longevity rate .05)
Matthew A Myers due \$100 for 6 Years of Service (Longevity rate .05)
Eric J Kidwell due \$100 for 6 Years of Service (Longevity rate .05)

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Robert A Cain due \$300 for 15 Years of Service (Longevity rate .14)
David M Hickman due \$200 for 14 Years of Service (Longevity rate .09)
Kevin Gardner due \$100 for 5 Years of Service (Longevity rate .05)
Brian Burke due \$100 for 5 Years of Service (Longevity rate .05)
Mark Ceglarek due \$100 for 5 Years of Service (Longevity rate .05)

E911

Kimberly S Schuh due \$200 for 12 Years of Service (Longevity rate .09)
Michele M Keys due \$100 for 8 Years of Service (Longevity rate .05)

Superior Court

Terri L Budde due \$500 for 27 Years of Service (Longevity rate .24)
Theresa J Lakin due \$500 for 26 Years of Service (Longevity rate .24)
Betty L Kosta due \$500 for 26 Years of Service (Longevity rate .24)

Circuit Court

Linda J Armstrong due \$600 for 32 Years of Service (Longevity rate .29)
Mary E Donnelly due \$500 for 28 Years of Service (Longevity rate .24)
Terri L Whitaker due \$600 for 31 Years of Service (Longevity rate .29)
Wayne L Simmons due \$600 for 31 Years of Service (Longevity rate .29)
Idamae N Winter due \$400 for 22 Years of Service (Longevity rate .19)
Patricia L DeKock due \$200 for 12 Years of Service (Longevity rate .09)

Level III Certification Bonus:

County General-Assessor's Budget

County Assessor	Level III Certification Bonus	\$500.00
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Reassessment Budget

Sandra Lackey	Level III Certification Budget	\$250.00
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INNKEEPERS' TAX: Maureen Egan, Saint Joseph College, was present and requested an exemption from the Innkeepers' Tax for 2013. They have already contracted the camps for this summer. The council was unaware of the college camps being included in the collection of this tax. Mr. Price made a motion to approve this request and seconded by Mr. Stalbaum. The motion carried unanimously Attorney Monfort advised the council to amend the original ordinance to remove St. Joseph College from this collection. He will draw up a new ordinance.

TERBORG ABATEMENT: Mr. DeVries presented a power point presentation concerning tax abatements. He is concerned the approving abatements that aren't in compliance with Indiana Code will set precedence for future abatements. The council needs to set a policy in granting abatements.

Mr. DeVries stated since Terborg Distributing hasn't followed proper procedure in order to obtain this deduction. Mr. Stalbaum stated he spoke with Steve McKinney who is with the Indiana Department of Local Government. Mr. McKinney had stated to him that the economic revitalization area (ERA) definition allows the governing body and local authority to grant an ERA area based on the totality of benefits created by the considered project. The state legislators trust the judgment of the local governing body granting an ERA area outside of the IC 6-1.1-12.1. Mr. Bontreger stated he felt that the increase in the business and the number of jobs out weighs the amount being abated.

Mr. Jordan made a statement for the record that Resolution #12-18-12A, the Preliminary Tax Abatement Resolution for Terborg Distributing, Incorporation adopted December 18, 2012 is void in the fact there were only three instead of the four votes needed for this resolution to pass.

Kevin Kelly, Jasper County Economic Development Director added that the old tax abatement policy adopted November 16, 1999 is obsolete. The council needs to modernize their abatement policy. Does the council want to stimulate growth or reward businesses or both when granting abatements?

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Brian Jonkman (Terborg Distributing) spoke concerning his abatement request.

Mr. Bontreger made a motion to grant Preliminary Resolution #1-22-13A for Terborg Distributing, stating the abatement be for five years at Year 1-100%, Year 2,-80%, Year 3-60%, Year 4-40% and Year 5-20%. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. Let the record show Mr. Bontreger, Mr. Jordan Mr. Stalbaum and Mr. Andree voted aye and Mr. Price and Mr. DeVries voted nay.

Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve Confirmatory Resolution #1-22-13B. Mr. Andree seconded. After some discussion concerning this abatement Mr. Jordan withdrew his motion.

Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the Confirmatory Resolution #1-22-13B with the statement that granting this abatement is a decision for Terborg Distributing and granting this abatement doesn't establish a precedence for future requests for this deduction and to grant an economic revitalization area based on the totality of benefits created by the considered project. The motion also included the abatement be for three years instead of five years at Year 1-100%, Year 2-66% and Year 3-33%. John Price seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION / APPOINTMENT: Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to reappoint Marvin K. Sutter to a one-year appointment on the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Mr. Price seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Mr. Price made a motion to reappoint Eric Maples to the Jasper County Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Jordan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

FAIR BOARD / APPOINTMENT: Mr. Jordan made a motion to reappoint H. Dan Stalbaum to the Fair Board. Mr. Price seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

JASPER COUNTY ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ADVISORY PANEL/ APPOINTMENT: Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to reappoint Danita Rodibaugh, Gilbert Crimmins and Linda L. Meyer to a two-year term on the Jasper County Economic Development Commission. Mr. Price seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

JASPER COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION / APPOINTMENT: Mr. Price made a motion to reappoint Terry L. Stevens and Calvin M. Illingworth to the Jasper County Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Stalbaum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

KANKAKEE-IROQUOIS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION / APPOINTMENT: Mr. Price made a motion to appoint Andrew Andree to the Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Bontreger seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

JASPER COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION/APPOINTMENT: Mr. Price made the motion to appoint Gerrit DeVries to the Jasper County Plan Commission. Mr. Bontreger seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS / APPOINTMENT: Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to reappoint Lester Moore to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. Mr. Bontreger seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

REMINGTON-CARPENTER LIBRARY BOARD: Mr. Jordan made a motion to reappoint Nancy Arnold to the Remington-Carpenter Library Board. Mr. Price seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

RENSSELAER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD: Mr. Bontreger made a motion to reappoint JoAnn McElfresh to the Rensselaer Economic Development Board. Mr. Stalbaum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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WABASH VALLEY HOSPITAL BOARD / APPOINTMENT: Mr. Price made a motion to reappoint Rein Bontreger to the Wabash Valley Hospital Board. Mr. Stalbaum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CIRCUIT COURT/LAWBOOKS: Judge Potter was present to request an additional amount for law books. He had requested the amount of \$37,500.00 for his 2013 budget. The council only approved \$15,000.00. He explained the courts have a three year contract totaling \$93,000.00. A few years ago, all of the law book purchasing was combined and placed under the Circuit Court budget in order to get a bulk discount. Therefore, Judge Potter has the majority of the books under one contract for both courts. Since this additional appropriation request wasn't advertised for this meeting the council will have to act on this at their February meeting.

JAIL UPDATE: Mr. Price spoke to the two commissioners that were present at the meeting. He stated he had received a phone call from an irate taxpayer concerning the continued heating and cooling issues at the jail. Mr. Culp explained the commissioners had received a quote from EMCOR Construction Services. This company will submit a plan outlining the specifications of what the county needs to be installed to correct these problems. Included in this plan will be a guaranteed savings and anything above this amount will be reimbursed by EMCOR. Mr. Price added the council supports anything the commissioners decide to do in order to fix the problems at the jail.

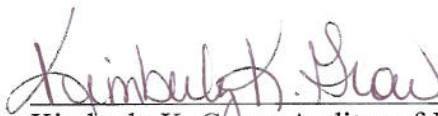
MVH AND LRS FUNDING PRESENTATION: Commissioner Culp gave a short slide show concerning local road funding. The revenue in 2001 is basically the same as in 2011 but expenses have increased every year. A mile of black top cost \$31,000.00 in 2001 and in 2012 had increased to \$82,500.00 a mile using recycled materials. There was 47 miles of black top done in 2003 and ½ mile done in 2010. Also, the highway department had 47 employees in 2004 and 27 employees at this time. Mr. Culp also spoke briefly concerning the local option income taxes and property taxes.

EXTENSION OFFICE/NEW RISOGRAPH MACHINE: Sharon Blasky was present to request funding for a new Risograph Machine. She is requesting \$5,000.00 to replace the old machine which no longer works. This will be advertised for February meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Bontreger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jordan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



Ronald G. Sipkema, President



Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor of Jasper County

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